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Remarks

By this Amendment, claims 16, 18, 19, 26-29, 32-36, and 47-50 are canceled. Applicants reserve the right to file continuing applications to pursue the canceled claims. Claims 6-9, 11-15, and 37, which have been allowed, are pending in the application. Accordingly, the present application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Also, the Form 1449 citing U.S. Patent Nos. 6,267,125 and 6,273,108 to Bergman et al. (filed February 14, 2003) has not been acknowledged by the examiner (nor has the examiner listed these references in a Notice of References Cited, even though the '125 patent is cited in the action). Applicants request that the examiner sign and date the Form 1449 to ensure that these references are listed on the issued patent.

If any further issues remain concerning this application, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned to discuss such matters.

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